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PETER PARKER WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER AND GAINED THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED *"SPIDER-SENSE"!* AFTER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF HIS UNCLE BEN, PETER UNDERSTOOD THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, AND BECAME THE WALL-CRAWLING, WISECRACKING SUPER HERO CALLED…**SPIDER-MAN!**

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DAILY BUGLE REPORTER MARY JANE WATSON AND PETER PARKER, A.K.A. SPIDER-MAN, INVESTIGATED A SERIES OF INVISIBLE ATTACKS. EVENTUALLY, THEY DISCOVERED THE PERPETRATOR TO BE A YOUNG WOMAN WITH SUPER-SPEED POWERS NAMED HALEY HARVEY MOVING TOO QUICKLY TO BE PERCEIVED. SPIDER-MAN DEVELOPED THE VELOCITY SUIT TO GIVE HIMSELF SPEED POWERS TO CATCH UP TO—AND BETTER COMMUNICATE WITH—THE ANGRY TEEN.

HOWEVER, HIS EFFORTS CAUSED THE VOLATILE HALEY TO LASH OUT FURTHER WITH HER ALREADY HAYWIRE POWERS, CAUSING HER TO CATCH FIRE WHEN SHE LOST CONTROL. WITH HIS OWN SUIT STUCK IN HIGH-SPEED MODE, SPIDER-MAN WAS ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RELATIVELY LONG PERIOD OF TIME HE EXPERIENCED MOVING BETWEEN MOMENTS TO INVESTIGATE SOLUTIONS WHILE HALEY RECOVERED FROM THE FIERY ORDEAL. HALEY THEN HEADED OFF TO A FINAL HIGH-SPEED CONFRONTATION WITH THE WALL-CRAWLER IN TIMES SQUARE!

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YOU...!
YEAH, ME.
LISTEN, I'VE HAD A LOT OF TIME TO THINK ABOUT THIS.
SO MUCH TIME.
LIKE AN INSANE AMOUNT OF TIME.
Times Square.
AND YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY MAD AT ME.
OH
YES
I
AM!
NO, YOU AREN'T.
I MEAN, YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY PLENTY MAD.
BUT NOT AT ME.
SLAP
WHAT WAS--

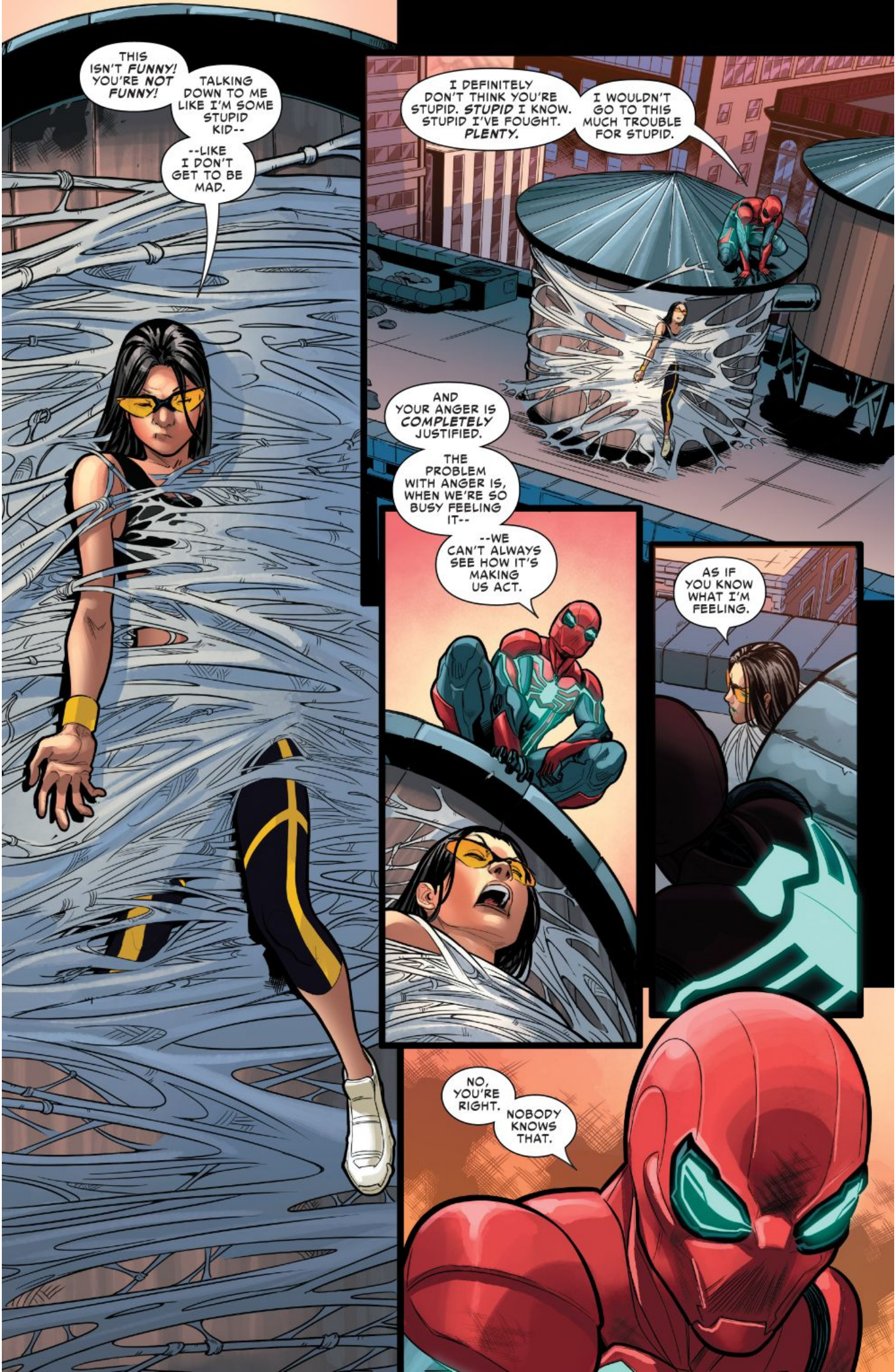
-THAAAAAAT?!
SUPER-EXPANDING FIRE-EXTINGUISHING FOAM.
LITTLE SOMETHING I COOKED UP.
YOU KNOW.
WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING.
WHY ARE YOU @#$% WITH ME?!

YOU WERE ON FIRE. I PUT YOU OUT.
I'M TRYING TO HELP YOU THROUGH THIS.
I KNOW IT'S SCARY. IT HAS TO BE SCARY.
BUT WHEN YOU'RE SO--
--WHITE-HOT MAD--
--I CAN'T GET THROUGH.
SO I'VE ARRANGED THIS LITTLE TIME-OUT.
LET!
ME!

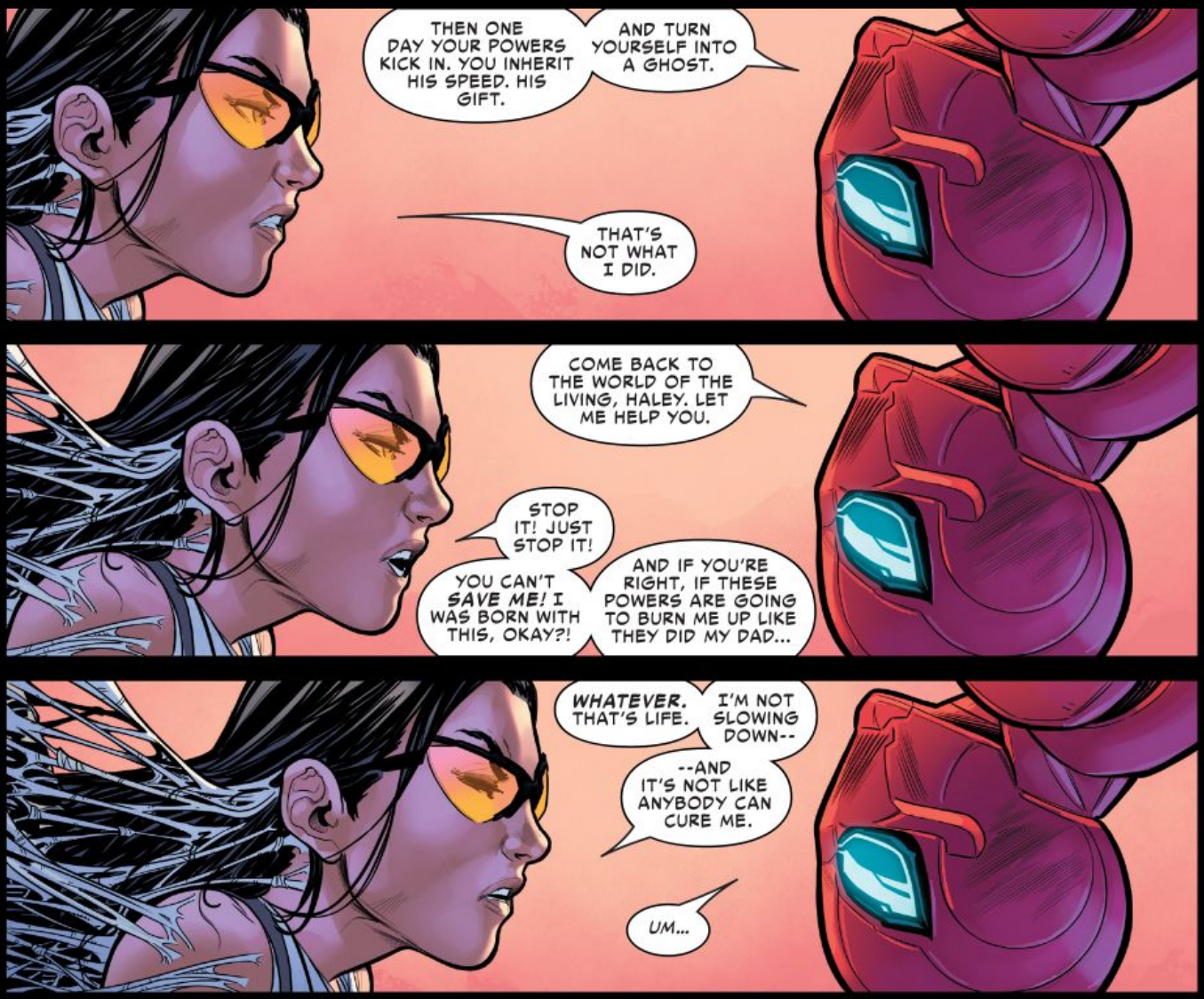
GOOOOOOO!
FWP
FWP
FWP
LOOK, I GET IT.
YOU
DON'T
GET
ANYTHING!
I DO, THOUGH.
THE WORLD DID YOU DIRTY.
SHUT UP!
PRETTY MUCH FROM BIRTH.
SHUT UP!
I CAN RELATE.
SHUT UP!
NOW YOU'VE GOT THESE POWERS.
WHICH SOUNDS LIKE A GIFT.
BUT FEELS LIKE A CURSE.

KA-BOOOOSH
YOU'RE ISOLATED.
LONELY AND BORED.
YOU'RE ANGRY.
AND YOU CAN PROJECT THAT ANGER ONTO ME.
FOR A WHILE.
OR THOSE REPORTERS OR WHOEVER.
BUT THAT ANGER WILL BURN YOU UP.
IT'S ALREADY STARTED.
WHAT IS THIS?!
I CAN'T STOP!
A METAPHOR.
ALSO INDUSTRIAL LUBRICANT.
I PUT IT ALL OVER THE ROOF.
IT'S AMAZING HOW MUCH YOU CAN GET DONE WHEN YOU'RE MOVING SO FAST IT FEELS LIKE THE REST OF THE WORLD IS STANDING STILL.
I HAD AN OCEAN'S 11 AMOUNT OF TIME TO PLAN THIS.

GOD!
I!
HATE!
YOU!
W-KRAK
NO, YOU DON'T.
I'M SPIDER-MAN.
PEOPLE LOVE SPIDER-MAN.
THWIP THWIP THWIP
THWIP THWIP
THWIP THWIP THWIP THWIP THWIP THWIP
SEE? ALREADY TWICE BEFORE...
...YOU'VE CAUGHT YOURSELF ON FIRE...
THWIP THWIP THWIP
THWIP THWIP
...AND I PUT YOU OUT.
NO THANKS NECESSARY.


THIS ISN'T *FUNNY!* YOU'RE *NOT FUNNY!*
TALKING DOWN TO ME LIKE I'M SOME STUPID KID--
--LIKE I DON'T GET TO BE MAD.
I DEFINITELY DON'T THINK YOU'RE STUPID. *STUPID* I KNOW. STUPID I'VE FOUGHT. *PLENTY.*
I WOULDN'T GO TO THIS MUCH TROUBLE FOR STUPID.
AND YOUR ANGER IS *COMPLETELY* JUSTIFIED.
THE PROBLEM WITH ANGER IS, WHEN WE'RE SO BUSY FEELING IT--
--WE CAN'T ALWAYS SEE HOW IT'S MAKING US ACT.
AS IF YOU KNOW WHAT I'M FEELING.
NO, YOU'RE RIGHT.
NOBODY KNOWS THAT.

BUT I REMEMBER HOW I FELT WHEN MY UNCLE WAS MURDERED. AND WHEN I COULDN'T SAVE MY AUNT.
HOW DANGEROUS SPIDER-MAN COULD HAVE BEEN IF HE LET THAT GRIEF AND RAGE TAKE OVER.
THAT SUCKS.
BUT I'M NOT SPIDER-MAN. I'M NOT TRYING TO BE SOMEBODY'S HERO.
AND YOU DON'T KNOW ME AT ALL, SO I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU THINK--
YOU AREN'T STUPID, KID.
BUT YOU'RE NOT SOME BIG *UNSOLVABLE MYSTERY,* EITHER.
I'VE BEEN THROUGH ALL THE CASE FILES. READ MARY JANE'S NOTES. WATCHED YOU SPRINT AROUND THIS CITY LIKE YOUR BUTT'S ON FIRE.
I SEE YOU.
LIVING WITH THE GHOST OF YOUR FATHER ALL THESE YEARS.
TRYING SO HARD NOT TO END UP LIKE HIM.


THEN ONE DAY YOUR POWERS KICK IN. YOU INHERIT HIS SPEED. HIS GIFT.
AND TURN YOURSELF INTO A GHOST.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I DID.
COME BACK TO THE WORLD OF THE LIVING, HALEY. LET ME HELP YOU.
STOP IT! JUST STOP IT!
YOU CAN'T SAVE ME! I WAS BORN WITH THIS, OKAY?!
AND IF YOU'RE RIGHT, IF THESE POWERS ARE GOING TO BURN ME UP LIKE THEY DID MY DAD...
WHATEVER. THAT'S LIFE.
I'M NOT SLOWING DOWN--
--AND IT'S NOT LIKE ANYBODY CAN CURE ME.
UM...

ACTUALLY, I WORKED UP THIS VACCINE WHILE YOU WERE OUT.
I'M PRETTY SURE I COULD CURE YOU.

IF I WANTED TO.
WHAT?

BUT I DON'T.
KREESH
NO...

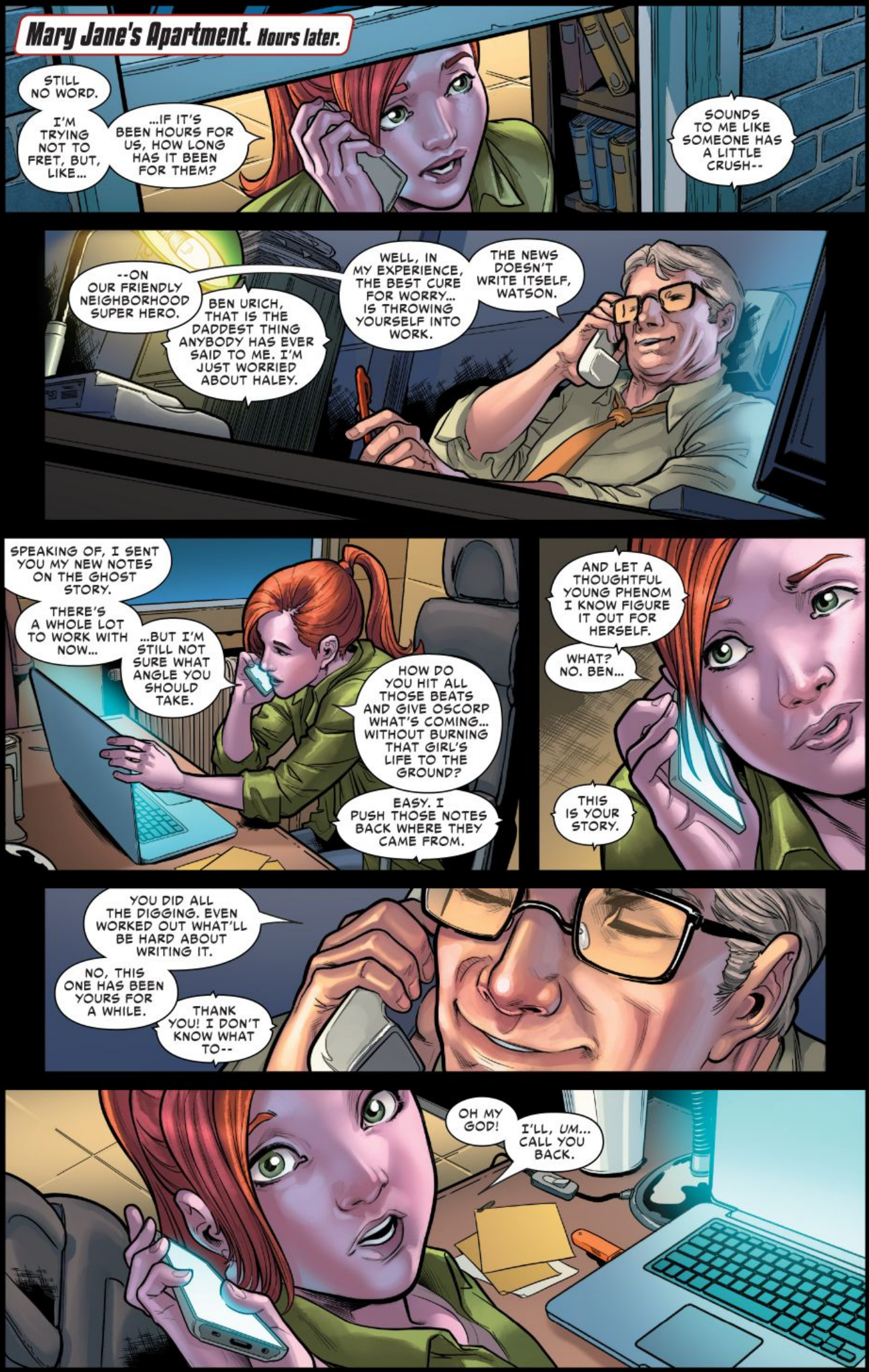
WHY!
WOULD!
YOU!
DO!
THAAAAT?!
HALEY, PLEASE CALM DOWN.
CALM DOWN?!
CALM DOWN?!
YOU WANT ME TO--
HUAGH!
--CALM DOWN?!

YOU CHASE ME AROUND!
YOU WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE!
YOU NEVER STOP TALKING!
TELLING YOUR LAME SPIDER-MAN JOKES!
THEN YOU BUILD A GIANT MOUSE TRAP--
--LIKE A SADISTIC RUBE GOLDBERG--
--JUST TO TORTURE ME!
BUT WILL YOU ACTUALLY HELP ME?!
FIX ME?!
CURE ME?!
OUCH.

NO!
YOU DON'T WANT TO!
OKAY, HALEY, LISTEN. SOMETHING SCARY IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN.
BUT I'VE GOT YOU.
WHAT?!
JUST HOLD--
TOOOM

--ON...
KOFF
ARE YOU OKAY?
NO.
I'M NOT OKAY!
I OBVIOUSLY CAN'T HANDLE THIS! IT'S RUINING EVERYTHING!
IF YOU CAN REALLY TAKE IT ALL AWAY, IF YOU CAN REALLY CURE ME--
--WHYYY WOULD YOU NOT?!
BECAUSE...
...HOW MUCH WORSE WOULD THIS CITY BE IF THERE WAS NO SPIDER-MAN?
HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE WORSE OFF IF SOMEONE HAD TAKEN MY POWERS AWAY--
--BACK BEFORE I KNEW WHAT I WAS DOING?
WHEN I WAS JUST A SCARED TEENAGER USING MY NEW TRICKS TO DO BONEHEAD TEENAGER THINGS?
I'M NOT TAKING YOUR FATHER'S GIFT AWAY FROM YOU BEFORE YOU'VE EVEN DECIDED HOW YOU'RE GOING TO USE IT.
I DO THINK I CAN HELP REGULATE YOUR SPEED.
BUT SEEING AS HOW THIS VELOCITY SUIT IS ABOUT TO GO NUCLEAR ON ME...
...IF YOU WANT THAT HELP, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO--

--SLOW DOWN!
TOOOM


Mary Jane's Apartment. Hours later.
STILL NO WORD.
I'M TRYING NOT TO FRET, BUT, LIKE...
...IF IT'S BEEN HOURS FOR US, HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN FOR THEM?
SOUNDS TO ME LIKE SOMEONE HAS A LITTLE CRUSH--
--ON OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SUPER HERO.
BEN URICH, THAT IS THE DADDEST THING ANYBODY HAS EVER SAID TO ME. I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT HALEY.
WELL, IN MY EXPERIENCE, THE BEST CURE FOR WORRY... IS THROWING YOURSELF INTO WORK.
THE NEWS DOESN'T WRITE ITSELF, WATSON.
SPEAKING OF, I SENT YOU MY NEW NOTES ON THE GHOST STORY.
THERE'S A WHOLE LOT TO WORK WITH NOW...
...BUT I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT ANGLE YOU SHOULD TAKE.
HOW DO YOU HIT ALL THOSE BEATS AND GIVE OSCORP WHAT'S COMING... WITHOUT BURNING THAT GIRL'S LIFE TO THE GROUND?
EASY. I PUSH THOSE NOTES BACK WHERE THEY CAME FROM.
AND LET A THOUGHTFUL YOUNG PHENOM I KNOW FIGURE IT OUT FOR HERSELF.
WHAT? NO. BEN...
THIS IS YOUR STORY.
YOU DID ALL THE DIGGING. EVEN WORKED OUT WHAT'LL BE HARD ABOUT WRITING IT.
NO, THIS ONE HAS BEEN YOURS FOR A WHILE.
THANK YOU! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO--
OH MY GOD!
I'LL, UM... CALL YOU BACK.

OH MY GOD, PETER. I WAS SO WORRIED. WHAT HAPPENED?
I'M NOT TOTALLY SURE.
THE SUIT BLEW UP. I WOKE UP ALONE IN THE STREET.
THE SUIT *BLEW UP?!*
BOOM.
DON'T SAY BOOM.
COULD'VE BEEN WORSE. HALEY DIDN'T TAKE MY HEAD OFF AND DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE BURNED UP.
I GUESS SHE HEARD ME AND SLOWED DOWN.
SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW? CAN YOU HELP HER?
I CAN HELP KEEP HER POWERS IN CHECK.
WHAT SHE CHOOSES TO DO WITH THEM THOUGH...THAT'S A WAIT-AND-SEE.
THAT'S SORTA TERRIFYING.
EH, NOT MUCH MORE THAN USUAL.
WHO WAS THAT ON THE PHONE?
OH, JUST BEN. HE, *UM*...HE THINKS I SHOULD BE THE ONE TO WRITE HALEY'S STORY.
JUST YOUR JOURNALISTIC HERO RECOMMENDING YOU FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE YEAR.
NO BIG DEAL.

The Harveys' Apartment. Later.
MOM! DID YOU LET SPIDER-MAN ON MY FIRE ESCAPE?!
SPIDER-MAN? WHAT?
+SIGH+ NEVER MIND.
DAILY BUGLE
THE GHOST OF OSCORP'S PAST
Mary Jane Watson
"ILLEGAL GENETIC TESTING COMES BACK TO HAUNT NORMAN OSBORN WHILE EXONERATING QUEENS MAN IN DECADES-OLD MURDER CASE."
"BY MARY JANE WATSON."
OMG. SHE MADE IT ABOUT DAD.
OKAY, COOL STORY, WEB-HEAD!
BUT I HOPE YOU DON'T THINK THIS MAKES US EVEN!
TWO WEEKS OF SLOW-MO AP BIO!
TWO WEEKS!
THIS BOX BETTER BE FULL OF COOKIES OR CONCERT TICKETS OR SOMETHING GOOD--
NO, HE DIDN'T.

YES!
HE!
DID!
HALEY,
A WISE MAN ONCE TOLD ME, "WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY."
A SMART MAN ONCE HELPED ME BUILD A HIGH-TECH SUPER-SUIT.
AND THE BEST WOMAN I EVER KNEW HELPED ME UP OFF THE GROUND... A THOUSAND TIMES OVER.
TWIST CLOCKWISE FOR FAST. COUNTER-CLOCKWISE FOR SLOW.
I'M HERE IF YOU NEED ME.
GO BE GREAT.
--SPIDER-MAN
The Beginning!

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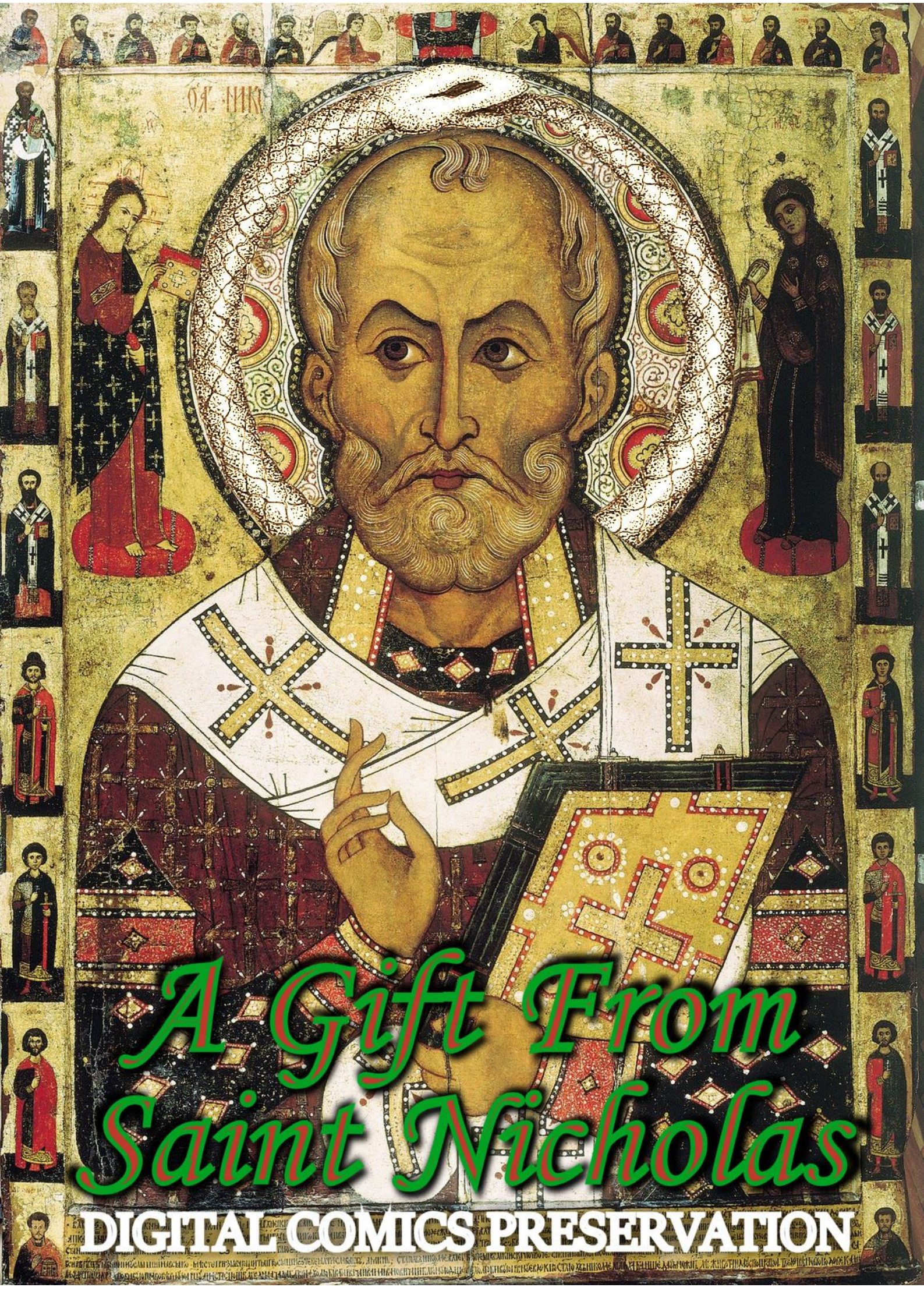
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